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Commissioner General Garneau having sold the Nebraska building at the world's fair for \$75, and disposed of the furniture, is now receiving sealed bids for Seth P. Mobley, who would make a good paper-weight. After suitable disposition has been made of Mobley, Mr. Garneau will raffle himself off, Auditor Moore having expressed a willingness to buy all the chances. Mr. Moore is making a principally other, and he wants Garneau to add to it.

Thousand dollar checks will be very popular for Christmas gifts this yearwith the people who receive them.

The only thing that induced Mayor Weir to suspend Chief of Police Cooper and Officer Pound was his desire to show his authority, and this is one of the worst features of the mayor's unforof his own importance.

that he has become very cool, and when the mayor addressed the insulting letter to him, he did not flare up, but pitying His Honor's weakness, considerately repressed his feelings. Besides he knew that he would be re-instated just as soon as the mayor had satisfied himself that power.

Nobody will contend that officers of through the back door. the law should be permitted to leave the city at will; but the chief of police is certainly more than a lackey, and in case of great emergency he should be allowed to use his discrection. In fact, and the mayor less.

process of law, and remitted the fines of a number of citizens who were recently arrested in the disreputable resorts of the city, and allowed them to go free upon the payment of costs. The more we see of Mayor Weir's reform the more unique it appears.

The mayor did not make any attempt to wipe out the moral rottenness known politely as the social evil, until driven to his duty, and now he reaches out and protects those whom the law would punish. A queer kind of reform.

Louis Norburg, of Omaha, who at tempted to corrupt a juror in Judge Duffile's court, by offering him \$100 to influence the jury in his favor in a case pending before it, was the other day fined \$1 and sentenced to one day's imprisonment in the county jail. The press dispatch says: 'The jury when they returned the verdict of guilty, recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court."

The idea of a jury-fixer being entitled to mercy is in keeping with the peculiar ideas that seem to prevail in court circles in Omaha, Lincoln and elsewhere in the state and the utterly absurd sentence of a fine of \$1 and an imprisonment of one day, is about what might have been expected. Judges, juries and lawyers have apparently come to look upon the jury fixer as a regular feature of the machinery of the court. In Omaha and in this city he plies his trade in the most open and bare faced manner.

The only surprising fact in the case of Norberg is that the juror who was every large city. offered the \$100 was willing to give information against the tempter. In this county most of the honest citizens some people would have us believe, he who serve on juries would stick to a will never visit Chicago again. For the man who offered them \$100 closer than benefit of those persons in this city who a brother. They wouldn't give him think Keene is wearing the mantle of away.

The law imposes a heavy penalty for , jury fixing, and the offender should get | these the News of that city recently all that the law can give him.

gotten in his work. A little money has sentations and make the stage pictures changed hands, and the case is decided true and consistent. He has always

before a word of evidence or argument is heard.

Could the secrets of the courts of this county be unfolded the foulness that would come reeking forth would turn the stomachs of honest people, and a trial by jury would be seen to be a most wicked travesty of justice.

It will be a great day in this county when retribution overtakes the jury fixer, and right and not money becomes the weight in the scales of justice.

Mayor Weir is as fond of asserting "my authority" as is President Cleveland. It is reported, some say on the authority of the Hon. Jim Malone, that the mayor will shortly issue a pronuncollection of sugar and other beats, commento to the effect that after a given date no person will be allowed to leave permit signed by himself as mayor. It is only a question of time when the intolerable old troglodite, who imagines as he sits in his little coop on O street, that he is a Person of Immense Consequence will require citizens to take out licenses to breathe.

There have been many attempts to organize and maintain a live board of tunate mental infirmity. Confirmed trade, or commercial or real estate exlunatics often imagine they are popes or change in this city; but dry rot has kings. Just what Mayor Weir thinks always set in before anything of real imhe is, we do not know; but there is no portance was accomplished. In Omaha doubt that he has the most exalted idea | the Commercial club, with which John Utt, formerly of Lincoln, is associated, the painful efforts of each successive is a useful organization that is very speaker to pump out sound more Chiefs of police to him are mere jack much alive. It is rendering valuable furiously than the one who went before. service in advancing the interests of the This is the further objectionable for the town and its success invites inspection reason that the fault is one among the Mr. Cooper has lived on ice so long and emulation. It would not be a bad idea for some of Lincoln's progressive citizens to investigate the Omaha Commercial club and its workings.

> stays in the saloon until the streets are success." deserted, or quietly makes his exit

college, says there is "moral activity" in He has amended some of the defects the game of foot ball. Dr. Patton is a that marred his performance in earlier blue Presbyterian, and a great scholar, times, but has not been at pains to as matters now stand, it would be a and if he says there is moral activity in great deal better if the chief of police foot ball, it is not for us to say that he had more authority over the police force is mistaken; but we could not discern any in the recent games played in this plan. It is vexatious to the critic to city. However, we will admit there is find in a man of such intensity, force, There are people who would like to some difference between the variety of suppleness, and fine dramatic energy so know why the erratic individual known foot ball exploited at Princeton and the great a lack of mental subtlety and as Mayor Weir, interfered with the due kind to which the state university has intellectual precision. Considering the introduced us.

> that theatrical managers are always perfect exponent and impersonator of acquaintance of the latest metropolitan tible his performance." equivalent for the expression, "a corker," viz, "crackerjack." To hear Ed spring this new word from Gotham's prolific enough to declaim the following wretmint, is one of the pleasantest things in ched line with emphasis on the the world. "Crackerjack" is a good italicized words: word, and Mr. Church in adding it to the local vocabulary has performed a service for which a grateful community is beyond the cure that critical remon-

For the benefit of those persons who eagerly sieze upon such phrases as "jar your system," "sink your bobber," etc., we give a verse of one of the songs now being sung in the vaudeville theatres in New York:

If you want a bob or two, Go and ask your uncle, He's the chap to give it you, Or anyone who calls: If you want a quid or two, Stick your ticker up the flue Go and ask your uncle with The three brass balls.

"Stick your ticker up the flue" is the the spout."

Keene having become an issue in this city it can hardly be said that that actor's reputation has been enhanced. It is needless to say that the Chicago critics are not alone in their view of Keene. His reception is the same in

If Thomas W. Keene is as sensitive as Booth, some opinions of the Chicago dramatic critics were cited in a letter in the Journal on Monday. In addition to said:

The jury-fixer in Lancaster county, "He plays it with all the unction of who is often a respected citizen, has the old school; he exaggerates the besmirched the ermine of justice, and swinging stride of the royal cripple, the made a trial by jury in many cases, a calcium lights follow him across the hollow mockery. In legal proceedings stage and at all times he strives for where certain interests are involved or broad and melodramatic effects. These certain attorneys are employed, right things might not be so apparent if Mr. and justice and law and precedent are Keene and his company did not come so of about as much weight as a thimble- close upon the heels of the departing full of smoke. The judge sits on the London Lyceum company, so that combench in solemn dignity, the lawyers parison is inevitable. The comparison expound the law from heavy tomes, and is not favorable to Mr. Keene, and yet it the jurors blink like so many owls, and is just to say that he is improving in his the whole proceeding is a stupendous art and is attempting more than ever farce. For the jury-fixer has already before to give scenic value to his pre-

been charged with overacting, with ranting and exploding in tragic wrath or triumph, when repression would be more effective. This criticism must still stand against him."

The following is from the Herald:

"Last evening he acted Richelieu, one of his best roles, to a somewhat larger patronage. This actor is a populist in art, so far as his own work is concerned. though in these later years he makes very elaborate and handsome productions of his plays. His treatment of scenes in "Richard III." indicate more than ordinary care in the purpose to secure historical accuracy, and the general effect of the mise en scene, including the architectural plan and the costumes worn, is truly fine and admirable. Mr. Keene has attempted to the city without first procuring a written make his pictures imposing by the use of pretty well disciplined numbers, so that the impression would be to a high degree satisfactory had it not been Mr. Keene's pleasure to emphasize the in equalities of his own work by the frailties of his company."

"Several competent persons have been with him for many years, and there is promise in the work of some of the younger members; but the blast of art that comes from the roar and clamor of offended lungs is upon the company., It really is dreadful to sit in the presence of so much unseemly noise, and witness most easily corrected. There are occasions when trumpet-tonged utter ance is both appropriate and inspiring; but the recurrence of the loud-voiced declamation is altogether too frequent It was a Lincoln lady who told her in the practice of Mr. Keene and his husband that she never wished to see fellows. As an actor especially fashhim coming out of a saloon. It is the loned and controlled for the delight of HAIRCUTTING AND he had made a proper showing of his same lady's husband who invariably the gallery Mr. Keene is an unqualified

> "If his purpose be to please the refined and interest the cultured his Dr. Patton, president of Princeton methods are erroneous in the extreme. avoid falling into other faults equally inadmirable, so that it is difficult to judge of his work by the comparative years during which Mr. Keene has been acting the part of Richard as the chief When genial Manager Church, of the feature of his repertoire, one thinks Lansing theatre—did you ever notice that this actor should be will-nigh a "genial" in the same manner that brides the character, and resents the absurdiare always beautiful?-went to New ties and extravagances that disfigure York recently, he immediately made the and in some instances make contemp-

> > "The mind loose and unreasoning

'Crowns got by blood must with

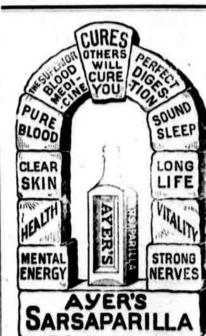
blood be maintained' will doubtless rise up and call him strance might effect. A great deal that Mr. Keene does is worthy of warm praise and sincere commendation; but when the note of admiration swells in one's mind some unpardonable, irrational violence on the actor's part shatters it into irritating discords. Miss Vaders is a very intelligent actress in everything except the use of her voice. That she uses as a bludgeon to murder silence."

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